

Application No.: 10/553,958
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Response under 37 CFR §1.111

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 27 as follows:

In the method of manufacturing the polarizer, the iodine dyeing step may be performed together with ~~[[the]]~~ a stretching ~~[[step]]~~ pre-step. While the stretching may be performed in a pre-step before the step in the aqueous boric acid solution (the stretching bath), the stretching in the pre-step is preferably performed together with the iodine dyeing step in terms of preventing wrinkling of the film swelling in water.